

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Grubbs, et al.
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned
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For: Acceleration Conveyor
Group Art Unit: 3651
Attorney's Docket No. N-8076
Customer No. 23456

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and comments are submitted prior to any
office action on the above referenced application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

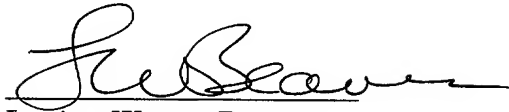
At page 1, prior to line 3, insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of our pending
U.S. Application Serial No. 09/302,707 titled
"ACCELERATION CONVEYOR", filed April 29,
1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-15 and 33-58 prior to taking any action on this
application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Beavers', written over a horizontal line.

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